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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed August 16, 2001. A response to the Final Office Action and a Continuing Patent Application is being filed after the due date of November 16, 2001. Therefore, a three-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1648 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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